



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

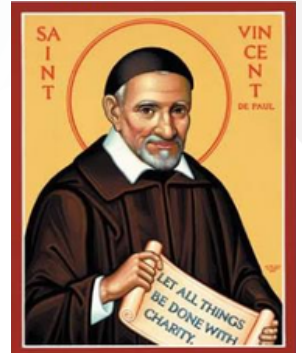
26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - September 26/27 Year A

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST DAY

In April 1833 in Paris, **Frederic Ozanam** and his flat mate took the remainder of their own Winter firewood supply and gave it to a poor widow. This was the first recorded act of the **St Vincent de Paul Society**. But why wood and not food or money? Fuel for a fire was the difference between life and death and very difficult to obtain. The fire cooked your food, warmed and lit your humble dwelling, boiled water and kept out the brutal Parisian damp.

The first Queensland Conference was established in Brisbane in 1894 at St Brigid's at Red Hill. This was in response to the massive Brisbane floods and the economic downturn at that time.

Today there are **193 conferences** throughout the State with over **2500 members**. These members answered 238,555 requests for assistance last year alone.



We are blessed in the wider Caloundra Parish to have five St Vincent de Paul Conferences. Last financial year the total value of assistance provided was \$277,000. But instead of providing "firewood" we meet the needs of those doing it tough in ways more suited to our times. Fuel, food, phone credits, clothes, emergency accommodation, assistance with the ever-rising cost living expenses that are beyond so many of our local community members.



And how do we fund our efforts? Mainly from **generous donations from you**. The annual Winter, Christmas and CEO Sleepout Appeals are always well supported. Plus, there is an array of various fundraisers such as Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, plant and book stalls and even the local schools run free dress days or "pyjama" days to help us. But many parishioners quietly donate to Vinnies on a regular basis, thus enabling us to continue our "good works".

The **local Vinnies Shops** are also a source of income. Your donations give second hand items a new life, benefiting both the environment and those needing a winter coat or to set up their kitchen after being homeless on the street.

Children and their educational needs are also a priority for all five conferences. The cost of providing an education, even in state schools, is overwhelming for many families. Having the correct uniform, an up-to-date computer and being able to attend school camps and excursions ensures every child is included and treated with dignity and respect.

We value education so highly, each year in September we conduct a special **Children's Education Fund program**. This program helps families start the new school year with confidence, the fruits of which we may not witness until years down the track.

Being a member of Vinnies is a calling and as our International Rule states "The vocation of the Society's members, who are called Vincentians, is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love. Members show their commitment through person-to-person contact. Vincentians serve in hope"

Perhaps you feel a calling to become a Vincentian? If so the contact details of the five local conferences are included below.

Our Lady of Good Counsel - Our Conference meets **1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month** in the Egan Room at 9:40am. Our Office for the Family Support Centre, where we assist people in need, is at the back of the Vinnies Store at 16 Mayes Ave Caloundra. For more information call Margaret on **0428850305**.

Sacred Heart Maleny - Our conference meets in the Pat Daly Function Centre under the Sacred Heart church. We conduct our interviews in the flat / office attached to the church. At present our conference has a membership of three people and we would like to have two or three more. Due to reduced demand we respond to calls on Monday only but with more members we could operate on more days. Please consider joining our conference and contact Mark Downey for more information via the call centre number **0754 595 290**.

Good Shepherd Kawana Waters - Our conference meets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month** from 9:30am to 11:00am at the Good Shepherd Centre, opposite the Kawana Library on Nanyima St. We are a visitation team, meeting in the home of the companion to establish the reality of their situation and how best to help. For information contact the call centre on **0754 595 290**.

Our Lady of the Rosary - Our conference meets **weekly on Tuesday** from 3:00pm to 4:30pm in the Dobson Room. We are a visitation conference which means our team goes out to assist those in need, wherever they may be. For more information call Bruce on **0487 361 200**.

Our Lady of the Way - Landsborough meets **every second Tuesday** from 9:00am to 10:00am at The Ron Hickey Centre. We are a visitation conference which means we visit people in need where they are at. We welcome new members who wish to serve in the spirit of Christ to those in need of a hand up in our community. To make contact with our conference please contact Justin on **0438 185 177**.



Yours in service, **Bruce Franklin, President of OLR SVDP**

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES



This Sunday, the Church celebrates the **112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. This year, Pope Leo XIV's message focuses particularly on migrant children, reminding us that every child and every human person possesses an infinite dignity, created in the image and likeness of God.

The Pope calls us to see, welcome and care for those who can easily become overlooked or unheard, recalling Jesus' words: **"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"** (Mt 25:35). As a parish community, we are invited to pray for migrants and refugees and to consider how we can help create a community where all are welcomed and supported.

MLT UPDATE - SERVICE & OUTREACH

Emmanuel City Mission Trip - On the 5th of September the Catholic Church celebrated the feast day of Mother Teresa, a woman whose life embodied radical compassion for the most vulnerable. In honour of this feast, a group of our Service Outreach volunteers **travelled together to Emmanuel City Mission (ECM)** in Brisbane.

ECM is a frontline homelessness support centre that welcomes up to **250 people each day** in Brisbane's inner city, offering meals, sanctuary, pastoral care, and genuine human connection. Founded by Robby Curtis and the Emmanuel Community, ECM traces its beginnings to Robby's pilgrimage to Rome for Mother Teresa's beatification, where her witness inspired him to take concrete action in his own local community. Our visit on her feast day was an opportunity for volunteers to learn from and experience the remarkable work taking place in this mission centre - to serve, to be inspired, and to deepen the vision of what's possible for Outreach ministries within our own parish and wider community as we **seek to support those most in need**. If you feel called to be part of our Outreach initiatives, **we would love more supporters** for our Share a Meal, Community Outreach BBQ, Community Cooking and Food Bank initiatives. Please reach out using the contact details at the bottom of this notice. Your help makes a real difference in the lives of those who rely on these ministries.



Community Cooking Update - A big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who assisted with the recent **Community Cooking event at Unity College**. Parish volunteers joined students and Hospitality teachers to prepare delicious, nutritious meals for individuals and families in need. This initiative - a partnership between Unity College, the OLR Parish Service Outreach team, the Uniting Church and St Vincent de Paul - continues to do amazing work in our community. The meals prepared are distributed to those in need through Unity College, the OLR Parish Centre, and the local St Vincent de Paul Support Centre. This initiative also now supports home cooks who, after completing a simple training process, can contribute from their own homes preparing meals for the Food Bank initiative.

Season of Creation Celebrations - As we celebrate the **800 year Jubilee of St Francis**, our parish has been marking this historic moment with a series of **Season of Creation events**. Three special Masses for the Care of Creation have been celebrated across the parish, offering prayerful reflection on our call to care for our common home. Season of Creation banners with the message "Care for our common home; Care for each other" have been prominently displayed at schools and churches across the Parish helping to keep this theme visible throughout our community. The **Care4Creation team** also hosted an innovative workshop in partnership with the Sunshine Coast Council, where participants engaged in an interactive Adaptation Game to explore practical ways to care for our environment and strengthen the resilience of both our parish and the wider community.

Please email cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au for more information or enquiries.

Many thanks, **The Service and Outreach Team**

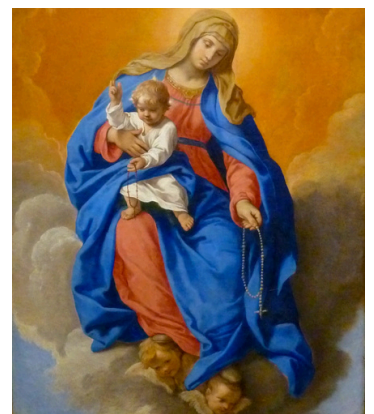
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FEAST DAY

All parishioners, families, friends, and visitors are warmly invited to celebrate our **Parish Feast Day** on **Wednesday, 7 October**, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

This is a special opportunity to come together as one parish community, give thanks to God for His blessings, and honour Our Lady of the Rosary, **our parish's patroness**. Our Feast Day celebrates our shared life of faith and renews our commitment to following Christ on His missionary journey together.

The day begins with the **Rosary at 8:15am**, followed by Feast Day **Mass at 9:00am**. After Mass, everyone is invited to stay for morning tea and fellowship.

Come and celebrate with us in prayer, thanksgiving, joy, and community spirit as we entrust our parish to the loving intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. **Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!**



RCIT - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR TEENS

RCIT is a journey for **teenagers (12-17)** interested in **becoming Catholic** or who have not yet received all the Sacraments of Initiation. It provides a space to explore the Catholic faith, ask questions, grow in relationship with Jesus and discover life in the Church.

Through prayer, Scripture, catechesis, conversation and parish life, each teenager is supported according to their circumstances as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation.

RCIT begins **Friday, 9 October**. To find out more, scan the QR code in this newsletter.

ANNUALS 2027

Don't forget to order your Liturgical Resources for 2027 by **Friday, 9 October**. Reading Ministers at all Mass Centres will have the cost of Break Open the Word covered by the Parish Office this year

To order, email Vicki at the parish office with your name, payment and Mass Centre.

'Break Open the Word' \$30 | 'Ordo' \$25 | 'Daily Mass Book' \$30



2027 DAILY
MASS BOOK



LADIES LUNCH

Ladies of the parish are invited to our next Ladies Lunch on **Friday, 9 October** at 12 noon at Golden Beach Tavern, 32 Bowman Road, Caloundra.

All ladies are most welcome! Please RSVP to Linda on **0429 380 979** by **Saturday, 5 October**.

ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY



From **1-7 October**, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the **One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign**, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the Linktree QR code in the parish information section of the newsletter or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying.

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - **Saint Padre Pio**

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN GROUP

The OLR Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Group invites parishioners to a presentation on **First Nations Land Management and Environmental Expertise**, exploring how First Nations peoples sustainably cared for the Australian landscape over thousands of years.

The morning includes a Welcome to Country by **Dr Aunty Hope O'Chin AM**, Kabi Kabi Traditional Custodian, followed by a presentation from **Fiona Magill**, Chairperson of the Sunshine Coast Reconciliation Group Inc.

This will take place on **Monday, 12 October** at 10:30am-12 noon (doors open 10:00am) at Hope Dreaming Information Centre, Caloundra

Free admission; registration essential. Contact Bob Cullen: bngcullen@optusnet.com.au.

ON THE JOURNEY ...

We pray for **Thomas & Charlotte Harold** and **Daven King** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.

We also pray for the souls of our recently deceased priests & parishioners.

May they Rest in Peace.

We acknowledge the First Peoples of the land on which we celebrate our Eucharist and live out our faith.

Our Parish's Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.

Parish Diary

Monday 28th September

Parish Office - Closed

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration (OLR) 9:30am

Tuesday 29th September

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9:30am

Wednesday 30th September

Adoration, Rosary
(Maleny) 8:30am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9:30am

Thursday 1st October

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9:30am
Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am
Adoration for Vocations
(Lands) 9am

Friday 2nd October

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Saturday 3rd October

Adoration & Reconciliation
(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Notre Dame - at Unity
College Chapel) 5pm

Sunday 4th October

Mass (OLR) 7:30am
Mass (Lands) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am
Mass (OLR) 9:30am
Mass (Lt Mt) 10:30am
Mass (Unity Chapel) 5pm

Parish Information

Phone:

Parish Office - (9am - 1pm)
0754309390

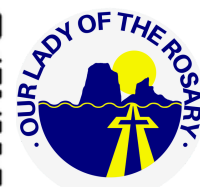
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